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## BOOK OF HOURS LEAF – c. 1490-1510 – WHIMSICAL DRAGON-LIKE CREATURE

IM-11882: (160 x 115mm – 6 ¼ x 4 ½") Original leaf from a manuscript Book of Hours. 25 lines of text, ruled in red, written in Latin in angular gothic book-hand script on animal vellum. Rubrics in red. Nineteen illuminated one-line initials and eleven illuminated line-extenders in gold on a red or blue ground. Unusual vibrant and elaborate panel borders in colorful floral (including strawberries – symbol of perfect righteousness) and gemstone motif on a blue or gold ground – with a whimsical dragon-like creature (verso) dancing on acanthus leaves in the margin!

France: Rouen (Use of Rouen), c. 1490-1510.

<u>Style and execution of the miniature paintings in the parent manuscript are closely related to the Master of the Geneva Latini</u> (see Walter 224 & 233 for examples).

The one-line illuminated "A" begins Psalm 101 (King James 102) 11-29: "A facie..." (Because of thy anger and indignation: for having lifted me up thou hast thrown me down...In the beginning, O Lord, thou foundedst the earth: and the heavens are the works of thy hands. They shall perish but thou remainest: and all of them shall grow old like a garment: And as a vesture thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed. But thou art always the selfsame, and thy years shall not fail. The children of thy servants shall continue: and their seed shall be directed forever).